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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5544

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ATRN, GR

SUBJ: CHARTERED FLIGHTS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE FOLLOWING THE RECENT SATURN CHARTERED FLIGHTS WHICH PASSED THROUGH ATHENS. THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE IN ORDER TO HELP THIS POST TO IMPROVE FUTURE CHARTER FLIGHTS ENROUTE TO DAMASCUS/BEIRUT VIA ATHENS:

2. WHEN POSSIBLE, FLIGHTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE IN ATHENS ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY WEEKENDS, BECAUSE (A) AIRPORT CUSTOMS PERSONNEL CLOSE AT 1330 HRS SATURDAY AND ARE NOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN UNTIL 0730 HRS. MONDAY. FOUR HOURS ARE USUALLY REQUIRED TO DISCHARGE CARGO AND PERFORM CUSTOMS CLEARANCES IN ATHENS. (B) SHIPPING AND PACKING PERSONNEL ARE DIFFICULT TO FIND ON SHORT NOTICE AND MUST BE PAID EXTRA TO WORK ON WEEKENDS. POST IS AWARE THAT DAMASCUS WORKING HOURS ARE SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 0800-1700 HRS.

3. IN ORDER TO CLEAR FLIGHTS THROUGH THE ATHENS AIRPORT A CORRESPONDING MANIFEST OR AIRWAYBILL WHICH DESCRIBES AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE CARGO EACH FLIGHT CARRIES MUST ACCOMPANY EACH FLIGHT.

4. THE CHARTER COMPANY SHOULD TRY TO OBTAIN LANDING RIGHTS. IF THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE THE COMPANY SHOULD REQUEST EMBASSY ATHENS TO OBTAIN LANDING RIGHTS BEFORE THE PLANE(S) ARRIVE

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IN ATHENS.

5. PX WAREHOUSES IN ATHENS ARE CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.
IF PX SUPPLIES ARE TO BE SHIPPED PLEASE GIVE ATHENS NOTICE
ABOUT THE FLIGHT ARRIVAL IN ADVANCE SO EMBASSY HAS TIME TO PACK
AND TRANSPORT THESE SUPPLIES TO THE AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY CAN
ONLY OBTAIN SUPPLIES FROM THE PX WAREHOUSES MONDAY THROUGH
FRIDAY AND FROM COMMISSARY WAREHOUSES MONDAY THROUGH
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 0700-1200 HRS.

6. GIVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE ABOUT ETA ATHENS AS POSSIBLE.

7. THE EMBASSY REALIZES THE STRESS AND UNDERSTANDS THE
PROBLEMS OF ARRANGING, LOADING, SCHEDULING, ETC. OF
CHARTERED FLIGHTS DUE TO UNCERTAIN LEBANESE CONDITIONS.
THE POST WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIST
IN EXPEDITING ANY CHARTERED FLIGHTS THROUGH ATHENS. ABOVE
SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE TO HELP US TO GIVE BETTER SERVICE
THROUGH A SMOOTHER OPERATION.
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